

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of carrying out arbitration in a packet exchanger including an input buffer temporarily storing a packet having arrived at an input port, and
5 a packet switch which switches a packet between a specific input port and a specific output port, includes the steps of (a) concurrently carrying out a first plurality of sequences in each of the sequences basic processes for at least one of the input buffer and the output port are carried out in a predetermined order, and (b) making an allowance in each of the sequences for packets to be output
10 through output ports at different times from one another.